

## God as primarily Judicial in nature vs. God as primarily Relational in nature

Judicial God	Relational God
Watches from a distance	Present, abides within us (Jn.14-15)
God is up in heaven	Christ is in me (Col.1:27)
Hands out work assignments	Asks us to join Him (2Cor.5:18-19)
Expects performance	Works with us and in us (Phil.2:13)
Judges our behavior	Loving, giving to us (Rom.8:32)
Angry, demanding from us	Understands our weakness (Heb.4:15)
Gives standards to live up to	Changes us to live well (Phil.1:6)
We earn His approval as servants	Delights in us as children (Mt.19:13)
Mostly disappointed in us	Wants to be with us (Jn.14:23)
Spiritual growth from trying hard	Spiritual growth from engaging with God (Phil.1:11; 3:9)
He waits for us to repent	He works to change us from the inside out (Heb.8:10)
Values doing the right thing	Values receiving and giving (Jn.13:34)
Commanding	Mentoring (Jn.16:12-15)
Life is one big divine test	Life is an ever-growing experience of God (Eph.3:14-19)
Salvation story is about sin, punishment, and pardon	Salvation story is about a relationship that is broken and restored (Lk.15:11-32)

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